

Senate Replacement and Agenda Committee
Reitz SG Conference Room
March 3rd, 2024

Meeting was called to order at 4:10 pm by Chairman Damera.

Committee Attendance:

Senate President Pro-Tempore Saketh Damera: Here

Senate President John Brinkman: Here

Member-at-Large Maya Idiculla: Here

Majority Party Leader Julia Seifer: Here

Member-at-Large Laurel Wentworth: Here

Minority Party Leader Nathaniel Pelton: Here

Quorum is established with 6 members present.

Members of the public: Senator Arturo Zárrate, Senator Hunter Monson, Deputy Minority Party Leader Anamika Naidu, Senator Aaron Rubaii.

Interviews:

Senator Arturo Zárrate interviews for Information & Communication

Deliberation on Arturo Zárrate:

- Minority Party Leader Nathaniel Pelton yields to Deputy Minority Party Leader Anamika Naidu.
- Deputy Minority Party Leader Anamika Naidu states that collaborating with SG Instagram is a great idea and is extremely smart. Anamika Naidu yields to Minority Party Leader Nathaniel Pelton.
- Minority Party Leader Nathaniel Pelton states that this is a great idea and he hasn't heard it before

- Maya Idiculla: Likes about collab, doesn't know about cross-posting
- Julia Seifer: Senate Instagram is supposed to be non-partisan, but it's inherently partisan, and we should keep this away from other non-partisan entities like cabinet
- Deputy Minority Party Leader Anamika Naidu: Public comment is non-partisan. We shouldn't be cross-posting with every single post, but something that we're looking for is how-to-Senate, which would be really good to be cross-posted to SG. I might be misunderstanding your post, and I&C is inherently non-partisan, as in the recent post with Brinkman's names being removed
- Senate President John Brinkman: Cross-posting might be irrelevant, as cabinets and agencies are focused on certain relevant things. This might be something to happen in certain circumstances when information is relevant to certain accounts, but I fear information flooding
- Member-at-Large Laurel Wentworth:
- Minority Party Leader Nathaniel Pelton. The purpose of the committee is to figure out

Consideration of Bills sent to the Replacement and Agenda Committee:

SSB 2024-1234:

5 Minutes of Presentation by Minority Party Leader Nathaniel Pelton:

- We're all in agreement that the actions that were taken need to be voiced out against
- This is a resolution condemning this decision
- One of our six core values at this University is inclusion, yet we fired the Chief Diversity Officer
- This might be a very large step, but so was the elimination of these positions
- It's time we come together and speak out against this. This bill simply
- There are many students and spaces who depend on this

- Minority Party Leader Nathaniel Pelton yields to Senator Hunter Monson: These are one of many issues, and one tangible
- The state government has been claiming that DEI is divisive and this is one thing that this bill condemns. DEI is not a divisive tactic and something used only to promote inclusive opportunity

Questions

No questions.

Debate

-Wentworth: I really support this bill

Final privilege

-Monson: Some clerical corrections need to be made, but other than that I really hope to see this pass with unanimous support.

-Pelton: I hope to see this pass

Motions

Nathaniel Pelton moves to strike “e” in “enclution” and replace it with an “I” by unanimous consent. That motion passes

12th and 13th whereas clauses spaced up

Move to strike the comma, space, and ampersand in the final . Motion rescinded

Move “Chief Diversity Office.” To the end of the final therefore let it be resolved clause.

Nathaniel Pelton moves to amend the Bill Title to strike XXXX and insert 1234 by unanimous consent. That motion passes.

Nathaniel Pelton moves to add the following sponsors: Member-at-Large Maya Idiculla, Senate President John Brinkman, Senate President Pro-Tempore Saketh Damera, Deputy Minority Party Leader Anamika Naidu, Member-at-Large Laurel Wentworth, Majority Party Leader Julia Seifer, Senator Aaron Rubaii, and Senator Arturo Zárrate

Nathaniel Pelton moves to approve SSB2024-1234 by unanimous consent. That motion passes.

Consideration of other bill (1235)

Presentation by Senator Hunter Monson: This addresses issues of OCD and how prevalent it is on campus. I've done a lot of research and sought out people who have expertise. It impacts me and it impacts people differently.

Question & Answer:

Seifer: Do you have any specific ideas for OCD and ADHD awareness events?

Monson: I didn't want to make a specific action in the bill in order to continue to advocate for. It can be anything, and I can't mandate anything, this is simply a request for this to be recognized.

Debate:

Pelton: This is a great bill

Final Privilege by Senator Hunter Monson:

This was the second volume. This affects a ton of people and affects people disproportionately in different manners and levels of diagnosis and treatments. People are always joking about them having OCD and ADHD, but the terrifying this is that they actually could be cause of how prevalent it is. If anyone wishes to sponsor, they can go ahead. To quote Acting Judiciary Committee Chair Rubaii, this is the longest volume of bills ever submitted.

Minority Party Leader Nathaniel Pelton moves to change title to SSB 2024-1235. That motion passes.

Minority Party Leader Nathaniel Pelton moves to add the following sponsors to the sponsor line of SSB 2024-1235: Member-at-Large Maya Idiculla, Senate President John Brinkman, Senate President Pro-Tempore Saketh Damera, Deputy Minority Party Leader Anamika Naidu, Member-at-Large Laurel Wentworth, Majority Party Leader Julia Seifer, Senator Aaron Rubaii, and Senator Arturo Zárrate by unanimous consent. That motion passes.

Minority Party Leader Nathaniel Pelton moves to approve this bill by unanimous consent. That motion passes.

Consideration of R&A Committee Seats

Majority Party Leader Julia Seifer moves to table the open Information & Communication seat by unanimous consent. Objected. Majority Party Leader Julia Seifer remakes that motion by roll-call vote.

Vote:

Maya Idiculla: Yes

Nathaniel Pelton: No

Julia Seifer: Yes

Laurel Wentworth: Yes

John Brinkman: Yes

Saketh Damera: Abstain

That motion passes. This clerk is sad.

Majority Party Leader Julia Seifer moves to move up all bills under first reading to be voted on immediately after public comment by unanimous consent. Objected. Majority Party Leader Julia Seifer remakes that motion by roll-call vote.

Vote:

Maya Idiculla: Yes

Nathaniel Pelton: No

Julia Seifer: Yes

Laurel Wentworth: Yes

John Brinkman: Yes

Saketh Damera: Abstain

That motion passes.

Majority Party Leader Julia Seifer moves to strike all bills under first, second, and third reading from the Agenda. Objected.

Debate:

- Minority Party Leader Nathaniel Pelton states that the R&P Rule III Section 1(viii) states that the R&A Committee cannot break rules in committee. The body can only do this on the Senate floor, but bills cannot be struck from the Agenda.

Minority Party Leader Nathaniel Pelton moves for a 5-minute recess by unanimous consent. That motion passes. The time is 4:47 pm.

Call back to order at 4:52 pm.

Majority Party Leader Julia Seifer rescinds their previous motion.

Majority Party Leader Julia Seifer moves to make a bloc of all bills under first reading. Objected. Motion remade by roll-call vote.

Debate:

- Minority Party Leader Nathaniel Pelton states that this is not a legal motion.
- Senate President John Brinkman states that this is a legal motion.
- Senate President John Brinkman yields to Senator Aaron Rubaii
 - Aaron Rubaii states that the creation of a bloc is legal in the R&A Committee. While the Majority Party Leader had stated their intention to fail all the bills, whatever happens to these bills will happen in the Senate and not in the R&A Committee.
- Minority Party Leader Nathaniel Pelton has major concerns about how this will this work. They ask whether the Majority Party wants 70 bills to be heard in 5 minutes.

Minority Party Leader Nathaniel Pelton moves to recess by unanimous consent. That motion passes. The time is 4:55 pm.

Call back to order at 5:09 pm.

Meeting moved to the Reitz Union Food Court due to the SAI portal's closure.

Role of clerk moved from Senator Arturo Zárrate to Member-at-Large Maya Idiculla.

Attendance Roll Call:

Saketh Damera: Here

John Brinkman: Here

Maya Idiculla: Here

Julia Seifer: Here

Laurel Wentworth: Here

Nathaniel Pelton: Here

Julia Seifer rescinds their previous motion.

Damera: [CHECK TRANSCRIPT]

Nathaniel Pelton moves to reconsider the motion to move all legislation to directly after public comment by unanimous consent. The motion passes.

[CHECK TRANSCRIPT] moves to move up all bills under first reading to be voted on immediately after public comment not by unanimous consent.

Vote:

Maya Idiculla: No

Nathaniel Pelton: No

Julia Seifer: No

Laurel Wentworth: No

John Brinkman: No

Saketh Damera: Abstain

In a vote of 4-1-1, that motion fails.

Julia Seifer moves to make a bloc of all legislation approved by the Replacement and Agenda Committee and Judiciary Committee today by unanimous consent. That motion passes.

Julia Seifer moves to make a bloc of all legislation currently under first reading, not including the aforementioned bloc by unanimous consent. Nathaniel Pelton objects. Julia Seifer remakes that motion not by unanimous consent.

Vote:

Maya Idiculla: Yes

Nathaniel Pelton: No

Julia Seifer: Yes

Laurel Wentworth: Yes

John Brinkman: Yes

Saketh Damera: Abstain

In a vote of 4-1-1, that motion passes.

Discussion:

- Julia Seifer inquiries about a point of information regarding how many bills are under second reading.
- Saketh Damera states that they do not believe that there are any bills under second reading.

Julia Seifer moves to create a bloc of every bill under second readings by unanimous consent. Nathaniel Pelton objects. Julia Seifer remakes that motion not by unanimous consent.

Vote:

Maya Idiculla: Yes

Nathaniel Pelton: No

Julia Seifer: Yes

Laurel Wentworth: Yes

John Brinkman: Yes

Saketh Damera: abstain

In a vote of 4-1-1, that motion passes.

Julia Seifer moves to hear the bloc of bills passed today by Judiciary and R&A immediately after public comment by unanimous consent. Nathaniel Pelton objects. Julia Seifer remakes that motion not by unanimous consent.

Maya Idiculla: Yes

Nathaniel Pelton: No

Julia Seifer: Yes

Laurel Wentworth: Yes

John Brinkman: Yes

Saketh Damera: Abstain

In a vote of 4-1-1, that motion passes.

Julia Seifer moves to add goodbye speeches directly after the bloc of legislation passed on March 3rd by unanimous consent. Nathaniel Pelton objects.

Discussion:

- Nathaniel Pelton invokes a Point of Order and states that goodbye speeches must come directly after public comment.

Julia Seifer remakes that motion not by unanimous consent.

Vote:

Maya Idiculla: Yes

Nathaniel Pelton: No

Julia Seifer: Yes

Laurel Wentworth: Yes

John Brinkman: Yes

Saketh Damera: Abstain

In a vote of 4-1-1, that motion passes.

Julia Seifer moves to add awards to be immediately after goodbye speeches by unanimous consent. Nathaniel Pelton objects. Julia Seifer remakes that motion not by unanimous consent.

Vote:

Maya Idiculla: Yes

Nathaniel Pelton: No

Julia Seifer: Yes

Laurel Wentworth: Yes

John Brinkman: Yes

Saketh Damera: Abstain

In a vote of 4-1-1, that motion passes.

Julia Seifer moves to validate election results directly after awards by unanimous consent.

Nathaniel Pelton moves to recess by unanimous consent. John Brinkman objects.

Nathaniel Pelton remakes that motion not by unanimous consent.

Vote:

Maya Idiculla: Yes

Nathaniel Pelton: Yes

Julia Seifer: No

Laurel Wentworth: No

John Brinkman: No

Saketh Damera: Abstain

In a vote of 2-3-1, that motion fails.

Julia Seifer moves to add validation of election results immediately after awards by unanimous consent. Nathaniel Pelton objects.

Julia Seifer remakes that motion not by unanimous consent.

Vote:

Maya Idiculla: Yes

Nathaniel Pelton: No

Julia Seifer: Yes

Laurel Wentworth: Yes

John Brinkman: Yes

Saketh Damera: Abstain

In a vote of 4-1-1, that motion passes.

Julia Seifer moves to create a Special Rule so that the threshold to reconsider decisions of a committee on the Senate floor is a unanimous vote by unanimous consent. Nathaniel Pelton objects. Julia Seifer remakes that motion not by unanimous consent.

Vote:

Maya Idiculla: Yes

Nathaniel Pelton: No

Julia Seifer: Yes

Laurel Wentworth: Yes

John Brinkman: Yes

Saketh Damera: abstain

In a vote of 4-1-1, that motion passes.

Discussion:

- John Brinkman states that the time for the next Senate meeting was set to 7:30 pm in the Senate chamber March 5, 2024.
- Nathaniel Pelton invokes a Point of Order and states that it is illegal for the Replacement and Agenda committee to set a threshold for the reconsideration of their amendments.
- John Brinkman states that Robert's Rules allow for this, and supersede the other documents.

John Brinkman moves to adopt the agenda by unanimous consent. Nathaniel Pelton objects. John Brinkman remakes that motion not by unanimous consent.

Vote:

Maya Idiculla: Yes

Nathaniel Pelton: No

Julia Seifer: Yes

Laurel Wentworth: Yes

John Brinkman: Yes

Saketh Damera: Abstain

In a vote of 4-1-1, that motion passes.

John Brinkman moves to set the time and place for second Senate meeting to 15 minutes after the adjournment of the first meeting on March 5, 2024,

in the Reitz Union Senate chamber by unanimous consent. Nathaniel Pelton objects. John Brinkman remakes that motion not by unanimous consent.

Vote:

Maya Idiculla: Yes

Nathaniel Pelton: No

Julia Seifer: Yes

Laurel Wentworth: Yes

John Brinkman: Yes

Saketh Damera: Abstain

In a vote of 4-1-1, that motion passes.

John Brinkman moves to add a period during the second meeting for the election of Senate officers by unanimous consent. That motion passes.

John Brinkman moves to adopt the agenda for Meeting 2 by unanimous consent. That motion passes.

Saketh Damera adjourns the meeting at 5:34 pm.